SPORTS / A23
NBI charges suspects in boxer Sisnorio's death

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'Idol' as fund-raiser: Payback time with star-studded special

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Veteran reporter David Halberstam dies in car crash

NEWS / A3
National Treasurer Omar Cruz resigns, says Finance Secretary Teves

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'Nicole's' convicted rapist hospitalized

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Burying limbo boosts interfaith dialogue

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Hordes of Guimaras oil spill claimants alarm UK body

Bayan Muna rating falls

Anakpawis, Gabriela also lose ground

THE MILITANT GROUP Bayan Muna is still poised to retain its three seats in the House of Representatives, but it has lost a whopping 17 percentage points over the past month, according to results of a nationwide

EXCLUSIVE

survey that Social Weather Stations conducted from April 14 to April 17.



JIL endorses Cayetano, Escudero, Lacson, Villar

By Christian V. Esguerra

4 DAYS AFTER RELEASE

Gringo says he's changed but indicted again

SWS survey: A snowball for Team Unity, says Palace; this is trending, warns GO

It's a prize, says Gonzalez; it's vote-buying, says Comelec exec

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.



Cayetano blames Cayetano



Second FrontPage

PCGG loses Philcomsat reins

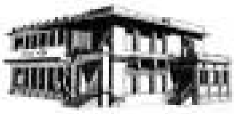
Getting what he wished for, Trillanes finds interviews tiring

Twins' shared heart fading fast

After El Niño, here comes La Niña

Judgment day near for Erap

Nat'l treasurer quits







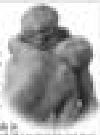


PDI man accuses solon of downplaying slay try

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Pacman spars with Darlene: 'Not by pork alone'

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OFWs in distress return

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Corrections

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The Daily Gospel

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US Marine convicted of raping 'Nicole' rushed to hospital

Gringo says he's changed but indicted again



Cayetano blames Cayetano; other bets cite reasons for slide

Increased visibility

Faith

Noynoy's a target, too

CBCP asks faithful to pray to stop evil in May polls



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'Biblical parameters'

Based on guidance



Covenant

Hordes of Guimaras oil spill …



Under-18 claimants

Payment delayed

Misinformation



Bayan Muna rating falls

Dante Ang's son

Losing, gaining ground

Mike Velarde's son

Set to retain 3 seats

Within reach

At risk of losing

Ratings of party-list groups (February, March, April 2007)

It's a prize, says Gonzalez; it's vote-buying, says Comelec exec

'I have money'

Lizards at rally

Health lectures every Wednesday

THE FARM AT SAN BENITO is conducting a series of free lectures designed to help the [illegible] challenged individuals at achieve health-related goals.

From the foothills of Malarayat in Batangas, the internationally acclaimed health resort wants to bring to the concrete jungle of the metropolis the same message it has given to wellness seekers who come from Europe to Asia: There is a natural way to regaining health.

The farm's chief physician Dr. [illegible] will draw from her foreign post graduate studies and expertise in natural medicine to give a lecture and entertain questions on specific topics every Wednesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at The Peninsula Manila in Makati.

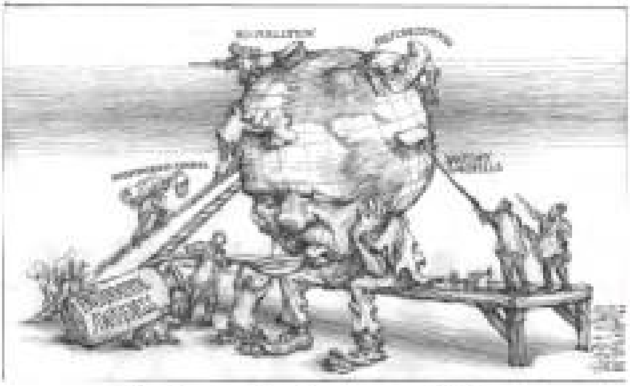
"Stress Away" on May 2 will tackle health conditions that stem from stress, the most common of which are insomnia and high blood pressure. Other scheduled lectures are "Lose Weight, Gain Health" on May 9 and "Sleeping Soundly" on May 16.

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

OPINION

Into the breach

EDITORIAL



Don't vote for these candidates

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

Limbo rock

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

Asia's overlooked great power

WORLD VIEW

Richard N. Haass



Reaching out to first-time voters

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David



A work of art and a message

LOOKING BACK

Ambeth R. Ocampo



Why?

PINOY KASI

Michael L. Tan



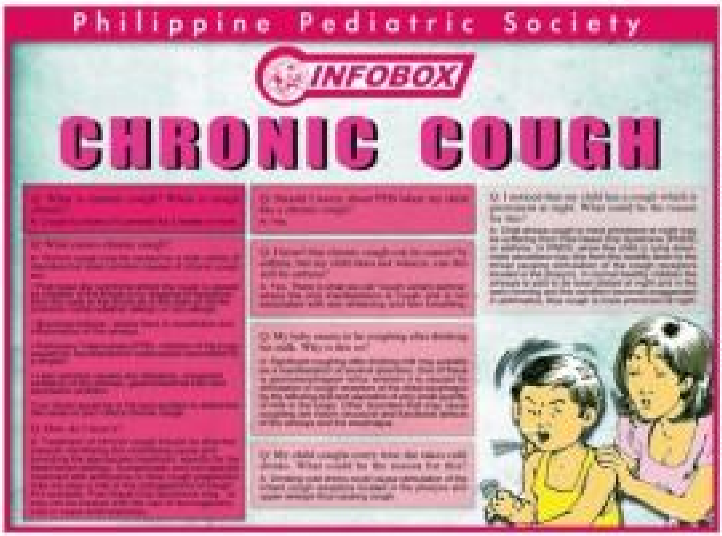


An 'eco-torchbearer'

LETTERS

Investing in RP and getting US visa

Not an empty TU boast





SWS survey: A snowball for Team Unity





Top TU bets

Command votes

Zubiri

Recto

Kiko Pimentel

Angara

Pichay

Pangilinan

Burying limbo boosts ...

Stern teaching

Conservative school

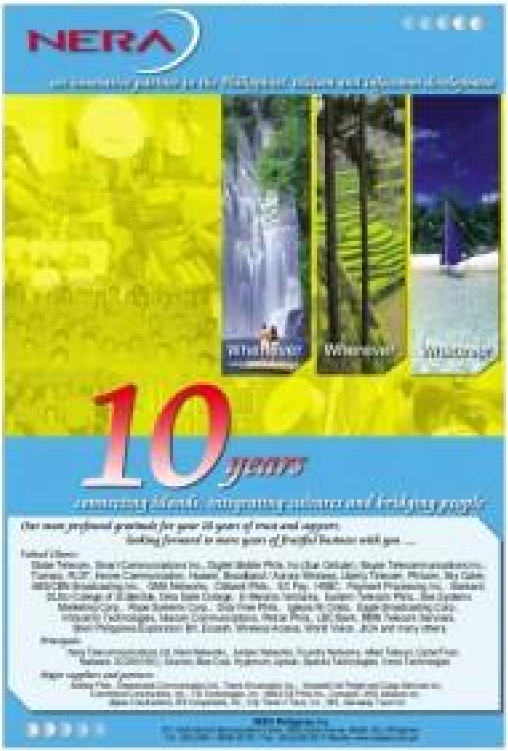
God's ways

Saving non-Christians

'Taste of your life'

INQUIRER Northern Luzon

Heroism of N. Luzon bolomen retold





Collaborative project

Most dangerous



'Next National Artist for Literature should come from the regions'

Across the NATION

Food running out for Sulu evacuees

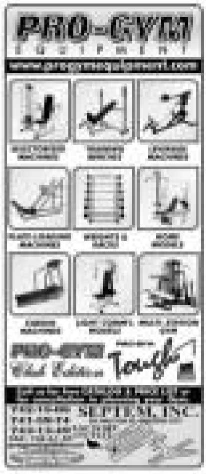
By Julie S. Alipala
Inquirer Mindanao

INDANAN, SULU—EXplosions from howitzer fire are giving 7-year-old Juliana Musid sleepless nights.



AN EVACUEE prepares food for her family in a classroom turned into a shelter for refugees of fighting between government soldiers and Moro gunmen in Sulu.

Spain OKs P150-M grant for Bicol



Tagaytay jail hunger strike continues; detainee collapses



CUSTODIO

Pale

Dialogue

More stories on S23 to 26

Late SPORTS

All-Star event goes for three

By Francis Ochoa

Hot SMB subdues Alaska



CALL IT ODD, BUT SAN MIGUEL is truly one hot beer.

Sinfuego leads by 2 after a 66

Aplus METRO

9 suspects in QC mall bank robbery arrested

2 ex-soldiers, cop included in roundup

DID YOU KNOW

Ducat ends fast as health takes turn for worse

5 suspects nabbed in foiled QC supermarket robbery







Metro Briefs

Next witness

Road rage case



Russia readies grand funeral for Yeltsin



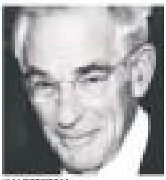
ATOP A TANK IN MOSCOW

AFP

Hamas ends 5-month truce with Israel

AP

Veteran reporter dies in car crash



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Thaksin's children fined $616 million

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WHO: Bird flu pandemic will kill 2-7 million

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Indon pollution trial ends in acquittal

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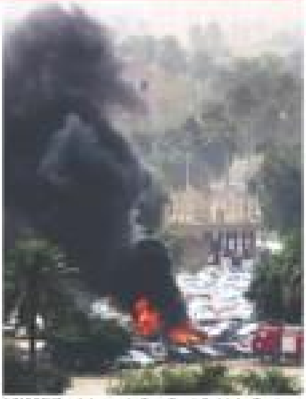
Battle heats up to woo France center

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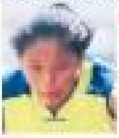
The WORLD

Car bomb kills 9 US soldiers

BAGHDAD—IN ONE OF THE DEADLIEST ATTACKS ON AMERICAN ground forces since the Iraq war started more than four years ago, a suicide car bomber struck a patrol base northeast of Baghdad and killed nine US soldiers and wounded 20, officials said.



A CAR BOMB explodes near the Green Zone in Baghdad on Tuesday. AP



WHAT'S INSIDE

■ NCR pool sharks flaunt their might

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SPORTS

■ Rockets, Pistons go 2-0

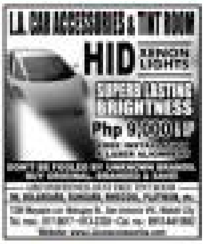
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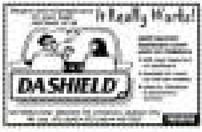


NBI files charges vs Sisnorio suspects



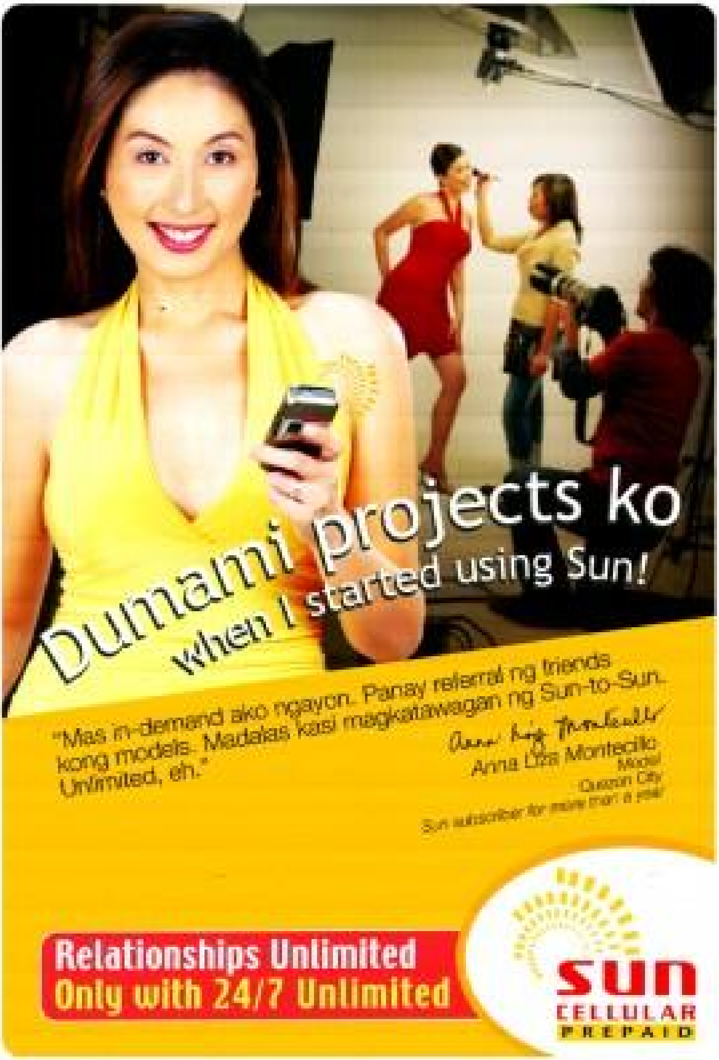
MATCHMAKER Rando Tamaio (center) is presented to reporters by NBI Director Nestor Mantaring (right) and GAB chair Eric Buhain.





Burger King whips CL five

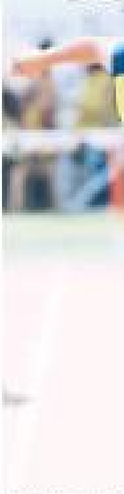
Magnolia scores





Metro Manila bets flaunt pool might

Dolphins continuing training, rebuilding



Yees still up in Jr World qualifier

Lameduck GAB must get up and fight

BARE EYE

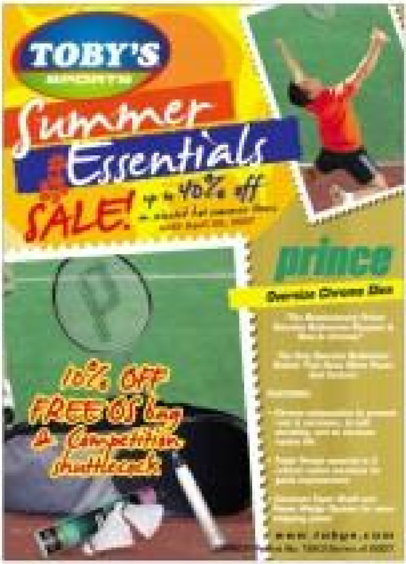


Valencia five gets back at Pagadian

NCR booters blank Davaoeños; N. Cotabato draws with Masbate

Suico keeps OPBF crown

Nat'l Rambulan kicks off at SJC







SPORTS



RASHEED Wallace (left) of the Detroit Pistons backs up against Tony Battie of the Orlando Magic in Game Two of their playoff series.

NBI files . . .

From page A1

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Rockets, Pistons go 2-0

HOUSTON—TRACY MCgrady and Yao Ming lifted a struggling Houston side to a 98-90 win over the Utah Jazz on Monday, giving the Rockets a 2-0 advantage in their first-round playoff series.

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BUSINESS

Editor Raul O. Marcelo • Assistant Editor Corrie S. Narisma

China firm sets Shanghai-Cebu flights in June

By Daxim L. Lucas

SHANGHAI, CHINA—CHINESE CARRIER CHINA SOUTHERN Airlines will begin operating regular chartered flights between Shanghai and Cebu City starting mid-June in an effort to boost tourist arrivals in the country.

CHINA B4

CURRENCIES



Yawning gap seen in values of P18-B PNCC-Radstock deal

By Daxim L. Lucas

SPECIAL REPORT

RADSTOCK B4

How the party machine works

Questions of Policies



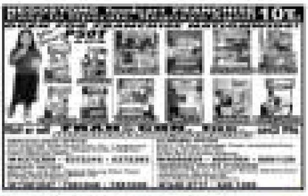






PPA sets ₱2-B bond float for port modernization

7 facilities scheduled for upgrading this year

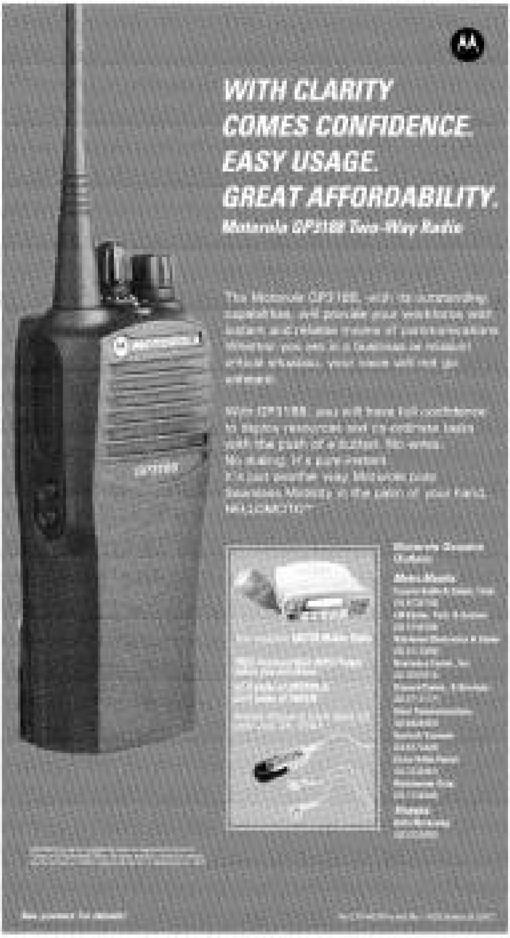


Peza OKs new IT ecozone



Stocks down on Wall St. slide, big budget gap





Crisis threatens SE Asia

Summer heat drives up power demand











Public sector posts first surplus since '97 Asian crisis

China firm sets ...

Yawning gap seen in values of ₱18-B PNCC-Radstock deal

Radstock rationale

Rich pickings

Yeah! Yaris

ON THE ROAD



[illegible]

VVT-i

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Fuel

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Adequate

[illegible]





THE 'MIND' 1.3-liter, 16-valve, DOHC VVT-i engine

Little red driving tool

MY DRIFT



[illegible]

Trying to be something

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Subtleties

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Miata Club

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MOTORSCOPE

Motorshow Int'l Manila and Cebu

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'Volkswagen Woodstock'

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Is Kia Carens worth your . . .

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For women

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Third row seats

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MOTORING



CARENS is Kia's new seven-seater.



SEATING comfort on the third row—particularly the legroom—will depend on the physical dimensions of the persons sitting in front.



VIEW of the cockpit

Is Kia Carens worth your P818,000?

Text and photos by Tessa R. Salazar



Comparisons

Safety concerns

KIA B7

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LIFESTYLE

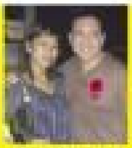
When fans go wild

Assassination attempt

2bU! Fan Base *Part 2*

This week, 2bU! gives you a bigger dose of fan fun with more star struck moments and big confessions from fans of the Spice Girls, F4, Harry Potter, Rachael Yamagata and more. Discover which jobs can get you closer to your idols and find out what happens when fans go to the extreme. Keep sending your own stories to Ls_2bu@inquirer.com.ph for 2bU!'s future fan specials. It rocks to be a fan.













Fan-o-rama!
(Part 2)











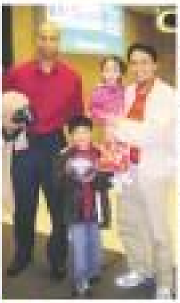


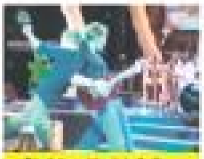


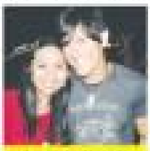






















Jobs with easy access to celebrities

Record company employee

Film company employee

Journalists and photographers

Ad/PR/events agency

Television network production staff



JORDIN Sparks

Something . . .

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Something to talk about from Star World's 'American Idol'





LIFESTYLE





Adventures of a fan girl



Rachael Yamagata did not just touch me with her songs, she showed me how far I can go for the love of music—and that means hopping aboard a plane and having one of the best weekends of my life

I SHOULD THANK UMA THURMAN for introducing me to Rachael Yamagata.

First, a disclaimer

Connecting with Rachael

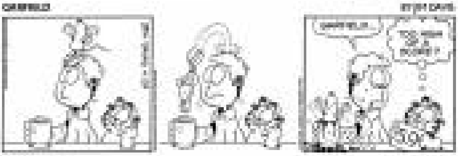
Just call me the flying fan

One-on-one





GARFIELD



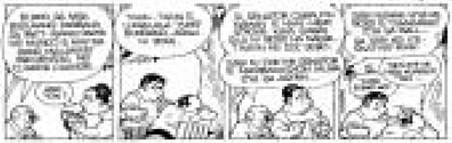
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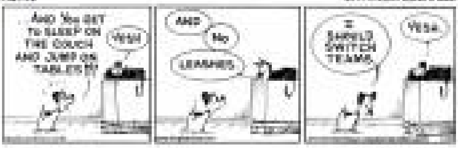
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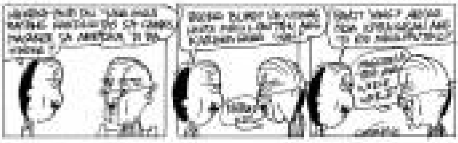


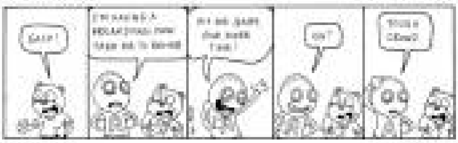
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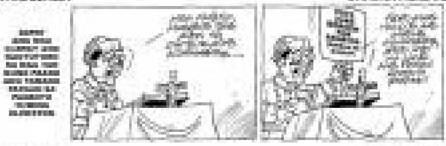
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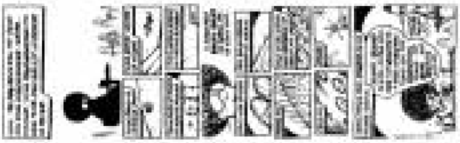




DIVINE COMEDY



KIKO MACHINE



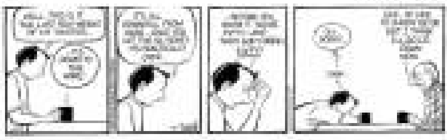
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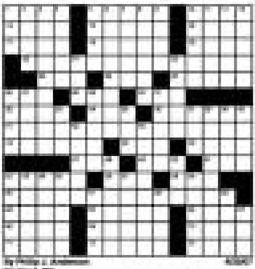
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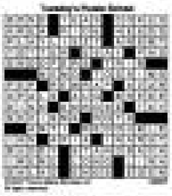


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DAILY CROSSWORD





HOROSCOPE

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU

Spice fan

By Felice Capicio
2BU! Contributor



THE AUTHOR'S overflowing Spice Girls merchandise

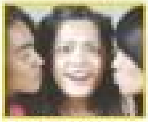


MEL C.-CRAZY and proud of it

A case study of an obsessive Jerry Yan fan

Study by Dr. Pachwik Mahio

I. CASE HISTORY



2. Diagnosis

II. Intervention

When Cherie met Harry

By Tammy David
2BU! Correspondent

Twenty-three-year-old Cherie del Rio is 'Potterhead' personified



Over-commercialized

Eye-strain



CHERIE Del Rio with Chris Rankin, the actor who plays Percy Weasley in the film adaptation of Harry Potter

Local fan club

The headmistress in action

Starry-eyed over 'Star for A Night'

By Ariana Paredes
2BU! Correspondent



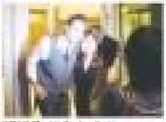
THE AUTHOR (fourth from left) with Mark Bautista and friends in ABS-CBN

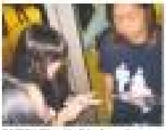
At some point, we all have to let loose and be a little less ordinary. I was a fan and I definitely enjoyed being one.

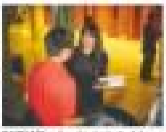




Adventures of a fan girl





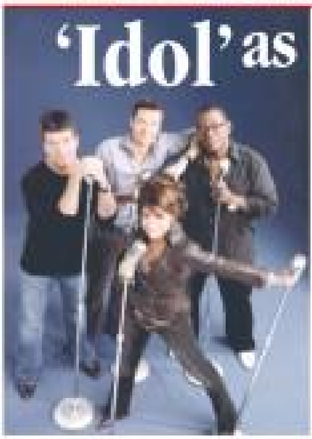


The concert

Magical night

ENTERTAINMENT

'Idol' as fund-raiser



LOS ANGELES—"American Idol," the TV singing television talent show that turned into a US cultural phenomenon, flexes its muscles this week as a charity fund-raiser expected to bring in millions of dollars for young people in Africa and the United States.

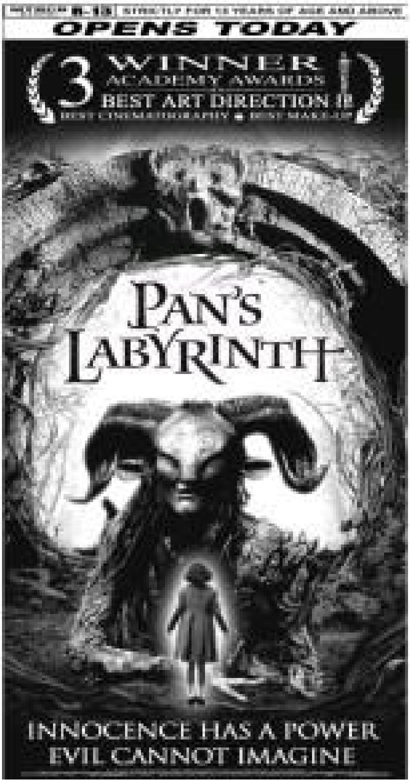
AI'S MAIN crew: Simon Cowell, Ryan Seacrest, Paula Abdul and Randy Jackson. Time for the hit reality talent search to "give back."

Star-studded charity special starts today, with first-season winner Kelly Clarkson among the guests

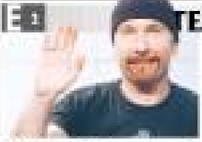
Juxtaposition

Brilliant coup

REUTERS

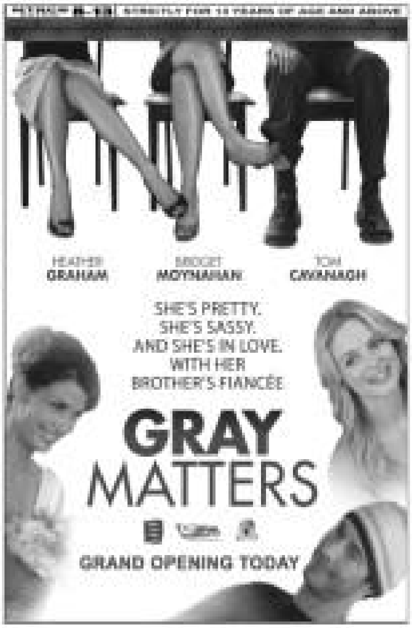


Auction for musicians fetches $2.4M



THE EDGE of the band U2

CHEER FACTOR







HALLE Berry and Bruce Willis in "Perfect Stranger"

A sleek and sexy thriller

But it collapses under too many twists

Christy Lemire, AP

It wasn't working, Oyo says on split with Angel

By Marinel R. Cruz



Last meeting

Denial





Annie, Kuh sing the classics

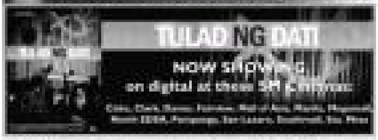
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indieSine Featured FILM of the week

APRIL 18 to 24



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STA. ROSA

1. NUMBER 23
2. ZOMBIES
3. MISS POTTER
4. CUTE NG INA MO
5. THE REAPING

LIPA

1. WILD HOGS
2. ZOMBIES
3. TMNT
4. CUTE NG INA MO
5. MISS POTTER

DASMARINAS

1. THE REAPING
2. ASK THE DUSK
3. HANNIBAL RISING
4. CUTE NG INA MO
5. MISS POTTER

ANGELES

1. ROCKY BALBOA
2. CUTE NG INA MO
3. NORBIT
4. MISS POTTER

IMUS

1. TALES OF TERABITHIA
2. WILD HOGS
3. HILLS HAVE EYES 2
4. CUTE NG INA MO
5. GRAY MATTERS
6. THE LAST MIMZY

STARMILLS

1. ROCKY BALBOA
2. CUTE NG INA MO
3. NORBIT
4. WILD HOGS
5. THE LAST MIMZY
6. RUMBLE BOYS

BACOLOD

1. TMNT
2. PATHFINDER
3. CUTE NG INA MO
4. ALPHA DOG
5. MISS POTTER
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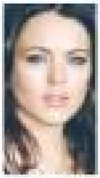
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RUSHES



ADAM SANDLER

Sandler as gay fireman



LINDSAY LOHAN

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2007

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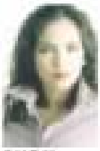
ROUNDUP

Adventure channel

NATIONAL Geographic Channels International has announced the launch of Nat Geo Adventure.

The new channel for high-energy and experiential programs starts broadcast on May 1.

Part of the kickoff lineup is the premiere of "Chasing Ché" (May 2, 9 p.m.), a 13-part series that chronicles the journey of two young Latin Americans retracing the route that Ernesto "Ché" Guevara took through South America in his acclaimed book, "The Motorcycle Diaries."



CHINCHIN GUTIERREZ

TOWNS season

In 2004, actress Chin Chin Gutierrez won The Outstanding Women in the Nation's Service (TOWNS) for her environmental advocacy, her involvement in the preservation of Philippine culture, and for using her time, talent and celebrity status to further said causes.

TOWNS is now calling on groups and individuals to submit their nominations to this year's search. Send to: The TOWNS Secretariat c/o the Maria Paulinda Foundation Inc.

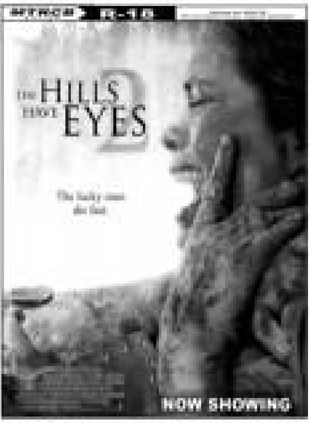
Forms may be downloaded via www.towns.org.ph. Or call 892-5195.

New Flash

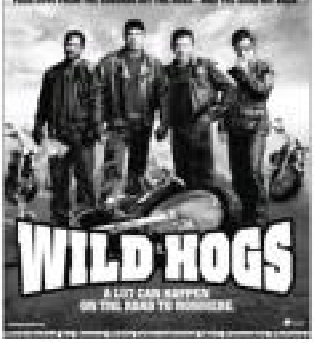
LOS ANGELES— Eric Johnson, who has left "Smallville" for good, is headed over to space as Flash Gordon.

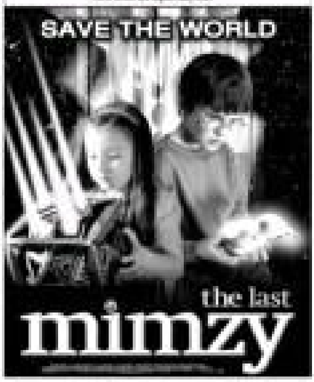
Johnson plays the Flash in a new Sci Fi Channel series that updates the comic book character and his adventures.

The 22-hour series debuts in August with Gordon, backed by his dream sidekick Dale Arden and Dr. Zarkov, trying to safeguard Earth against the tyrannical ruling Ming. AP









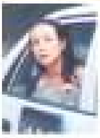
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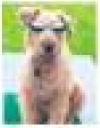
Tulad ng Dati

Directed by Mike Sandejas

Sa North Diversion Road



"SA NORTH Diversion Road"



"FIREHOUSE DOG"

Firehouse Dog

Directed by Todd Holland



Pan's Labyrinth

Directed by Guillermo del Toro



Gray Matters

Directed by Sue Kramer

Rumbleboy

Patricia Evangelista is new host of ABC 5's 'Dokyu'